

GREATER NORTH PARK COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE
2901 NORTH PARK WAY, 2ND FLOOR
P.O. BOX 4825, SAN DIEGO, CA 92164
MINUTES: MAY 15,2007

- I. Called to Order:** 6:30 pm.
- II. In Attendance:** Salvador Arechiga, Ed Cronan, Vernon Franck, Vicki Granowitz, Brenda Martin (left at 7:28 pm), Judith O'Boyle, Dean Petersen, Shane Pliskin, Keoni Rosa, Rob Steppke, Rene Vidales, Stephen Whitburn; Ravin Armelin (arrived at 6:35 pm.)
Absent: Carol Gonzales, James Longley.
- III. Motion to Adopt May 15, 2007 Agenda** (with modification that NP Parking Garage/Art Selection Working Group Liaison Report from John McGaughy be moved up to second Information item): **O'Boyle/Vidales 12-0-0**
- IV. Chair's Report/CPC**
- A.** 600-24/Bylaws Shell Update- All should be sent to the City Council on May 21, with approval to follow. Timeline is not firm.
 - B.** Community Orientation Workshop for new Board members is scheduled for June 23, 2007 from 8am –12 pm at 9192 Topaz Way. Board members need to email Marlon Pangilinan (mpangilinan@sandiego.gov) to confirm attendance.
 - C.** General Plan Update: Public Facilities & Recreation in May; Mobility & Economic Prosperity in June. Draft EIR to follow.
- V. Motion to approve April 17, 2007 minutes: Whitburn/Cronan 12/0/1** (Pliskin abstained due to absence at prior meeting.)
- VI. Treasurer's Report:** Balance is now \$425.22 (Increase due to public donations at Election Meeting.)
- VII. Announcements**
- 1.** Elizabeth Studebaker of **NPMS** announced that the North Park Festival will be on Sunday, May 20, 2007 from 10 am – 6 pm and needs volunteers. The Farmers Market start date has been pushed back. The North Park Parking Garage is putting out information indicating that it is open and affordable.
 - 2.** The Chair announced that the North Park Family Health Center is having an Open House on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 from 4-6 pm.
- VIII. Planner's Report:** Marlin Pangilinan, 619-235-5293, mpangilinan@sandiego.gov. The City is scheduling Outreach Presentations for the General Plan at: Valencia Park at the Malcolm X Library on May 23 from 5:30-7 pm; Mira Mesa Library on May 30 from 5:30-7 pm and the Mission Valley Library on June 9 from 10- 11:30 am.
- IX. Officials' Report**
- 1.** Kirsten Clemons (rep for Lori Saldana, State Assembly District 76): The Governor has released his revised budget and the legislature is considering several proposals to deal with the gap. AB7, Ms. Saldana's Pay Day Legislation, has passed the Assembly and has moved to the Senate for consideration. AB 927, The Senior Set Aside Funding, has also passed through the Assembly into the Senate. On June 2 from 10 am-12pm, a Financial Literacy Workshop is scheduled at Claremont High School.
 - 2.** Todd Gloria (rep for Susan Davis, US Congressional District 53): Absent.
 - 3.** Jason Wesiz (Rep for State Senator Christine Kehoe, State Senate District 39): Senator Kehoe is pursuing legislation for a public/private endeavor to renovate the DMV building on Normal St. The

Farmers Market there will be considered. Also, Senator Kehoe is pushing legislation regarding the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. The measure seeks to eliminate the high salaried positions and maintain land use authority with SANDAG.

4. Monica Pelaez (rep for Toni Atkins, City Council District 3): SB 373, Canyon Designation, has passed to the Senate floor. The Mayor will be releasing his list of canyons for possible designation. The 45-day period for Balloting on the NP Maintenance Assessment started on May 14, 2007. Council Member Atkins will be at the Arts Festival previously announced, The Ribbon Cutting at the Senior Units of the Renaissance on May 22 and the Open House for the North Park Family Health Center on May 30. Regarding the meeting room at the Renaissance, the developer has some items to complete before the improvements can begin.

X. Non Agenda Public Comments

1. Judy O'Boyle commented on the decision of UCSD to maintain its acute care hospital in Hillcrest. UCSD may still move to Chula Vista, in that they agreed to stay south of Interstate 8. Earthquake safety has been mentioned regarding the older Hillcrest facility.
2. Rob Steppke thanked Judy O'Boyle for hosting the Board retreat and expressed an interest in something similar in the future, perhaps at one of the Bird Park Concerts.
3. Ravin Amelin announced that she had heard from the State of California that the improvements on the western side of Interstate 805, between Polk and University Avenue, should begin within the next 3 to 4 weeks.

XI. Consent Agenda

(Voting Members Present UD/PR May 7, 2007: Sal Arechiga, Ernie Bonn, Kitty Callen, Ed Cronan, Vernon Franck, Vicki Granowitz, Judith O'Boyle, Rob Steppke, Stephen Whitburn. Non-Voting Members Present: Dean Petersen, Brenda Martin)

Polk Townhouses (#101475) 1921 Polk Avenue. Gary Taylor presented project. Site Development Permit (Process 3) for rear building setback deviation and increased floor area to demolish existing residence and construct 4 units of 3 stories each over basement garages of total 7358 SF on a 5000 SF site in the MR-800B Zone of with Mid City PDO. Motion: Deny the project based on non-acceptance of proposed deviations, specifically exceeding frontage FAR and reductions of rear setback requirements; the well-maintained, occupied bungalow should be preserved and not demolished; and the proposed project design does not reflect the architectural variety and residential character of the community as set forth in the Greater North Park Community Plan. **Motion to Deny Project: Martin/UD/PR 13/0/0 On Consent.**

XII. Information Items

1. **Lesley Robin for Think Blue San Diego:** working with grant to reduce Storm Drain Pollution for the Chollas Creek Watershed. Despite the Creek's location, Ms. Robin advised that North Park is a part of the Chollas Creek Watershed. The EPA has designated Chollas Creek eligible for funding due to the introduction of pesticides into its watershed. The Storm Drain System is a combination of man-made structures and natural canyons. Ms. Robin provided a brochure, which her group is handing out to educate the public in the watershed regarding safe disposal of pesticides and safe alternatives to the pesticides. Think Blue is trying to orient people to think about Storm Drain Pollution.
2. **NP Parking Garage/Art Selection Working Group:** John McGaughy discussed the Art Selection process. The cost of using banners would start at \$30,000, not including the cost of the rights to the art, and other costs. Original artwork would start at a cost of \$300,000, not including other costs, such as scaffolding, per diem, etc. The City staff has indicated that money may be available in the redevelopment budget. The next meeting of this group, on June 11, 2007, will discuss how to pick an artist and determine how to generate funds to acquire art rights. The Group is leaning towards the banner route.
3. **Overview of Process for Evaluation of Requests for Alterations to Streets-** provided by Rene Vidales and Sal Arechiga. Regarding stop signs, the City follows a point system, considering accident history, traffic volume, pedestrian volume and any special conditions. Most requests have been for four way stops. The point total criteria is higher for major streets. A Memo to the

Mayor is prepared requesting the stop sign, once all the fieldwork is done. The entire process can take 30-90 days. As an example for Requests to modify Curb Parking, The owner, or the tenant joined by the owner, must request a change to the coloring of the curb in front of their business. The Starbucks on 32nd at University successfully sought the change of the curb from red to 15 minute green on 32nd, with the help of the Public Facilities Subcommittee. This all took 60 days. Finally, as to diagonal parking, all owners affected must join in the application. Mission Avenue was being considered. Factors considered are high speed/traffic area and traffic mobility. This process also can take 60 days.

4. **GNPCPC Website development:** Elaine Boyd is moving and this is on hold for now.
5. **Subcommittee Meeting Locations:** PF/PA and Policy Subcommittees will be moving to either NPMS or to 2901 North Park Way for their June meetings. PF/PA most likely on the first Thursday and the Policy Subcommittee on the first Wednesday. Emails confirming date, time and location will be sent out by both Subcommittee Chairs.

XIII. Action Items

1. **Standing Rules:** Discussion regarding proposed change to Standing Rule #13. Difference as to whether Rule should be read as amended, or if whether each Subcommittee Chair may institute own rules regarding Subcommittee membership by Board members, such as rotating seats, etc. Also, the Chair asked member Franck, Chair of UD/PR, to aggrandize the possibility of splitting that Subcommittee into two subcommittees, one for Urban Design and the other for Project Review, to allow for more available seats for Board members to serve on Subcommittees. The Chair also directed the Secretary to seek advice from the City (Marlon Pangilinan) whether Board members attending Subcommittee meetings could stay as non-voting members if the total number of Board members present at the Subcommittee meeting exceeded the maximum of 7 allowed.

Motion to amend the standing rule item #13 to reflect the following:

- "b. In order to vote at a subcommittee meeting, members must have participated in no less than three subcommittee meetings in the previous twelve months as indicated on official attendance lists. An individual may vote after signing in at the beginning of their third subcommittee meeting.
- c. Following the election, the GNPCPC Chair shall declare their preference;
 1. To have a voting seat on Subcommittee(s) or;
 2. Attend Subcommittees in a Non Voting capacity.
- d. In the event there are more eligible subcommittee members for Board or General Member Seats, open seats will be filled first by seniority and second by straw vote.
- e. The GNPCPC Chair shall request all subcommittee Chairs to maintain an eligibility/membership list."

Whitburn called the question. **Petersen/Armelin 10/1/1** (Steppe dissenting and O'Boyle abstaining due to not understanding the motion in light of earlier noted discussion.)

XIV. Subcommittee Reports

1. **Urban Design/Project Review**, Vernon Franck, North Park Main Street Office, 3076 University Ave., 6pm, 1st Monday. **Next meeting June 4.** Matters have slowed down somewhat.
2. **Public Facilities/Public Art**, Sal Archiga/Rene Vidales, 6:30pm. **Next meeting date and location to be determined.** Nothing further to report beyond earlier Overview regarding traffic and parking.
3. **Policy/Community Relations**, Rob Steppke, 6:30pm. **Next meeting date and location to be determined.** Nothing further beyond earlier Standing Rule discussion

XV. Liaison Reports

1. **Project Area Committee-** (Roger Lewis absent. Rob Steppke gave report.) Code Enforcement action discussed. Vacant seat. Tom Romstad has left the Redevelopment Agency.
2. **Public Safety & Neighborhood Services-** Stephen Whitburn. Western Division of SDPD Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2007. Whitburn will check to see if there has been an up tick in street robberies in North Park. High end smoke shop has opened on University Avenue.

The Alcohol and Entertainment Group is meeting to determine how to weigh in on liquor license approval process. Upscale wine bar proposed at 3422 30th Street.

3. **Maintenance Assessment District-** Brenda Martin. Rob Steppke gave report. Assessment Revision Ballot 45 Day period has begun. Board requested to aggendize MAD and request letter of support.
4. **North Park Parking Management Working Group-** Rene Vidales. Meeting with consultant on June 14, 2007. Plan will be presented to the public some time thereafter.
5. **Balboa Park Committee Liaison-** Vicki Granowitz. Have approved Parking Management Plan for summer and peak use days. Dead Sea Scrolls will call for off site parking and use of trams and free shuttles. If public transportation is used, will receive a public transportation voucher for use in gift shops.
6. **North Park Main Street-** Shane Pliskin. Parking Garage discussed. Operator, 5 Star, is focusing on customer service and signage for hours. Peak use still only 50% full. May be built before time, but will support development as it comes. Engineers said the Parking Structure would not support parties on top level. "USA Donations" red boxes determined to be for profit much more so than for non-profit
7. **Liaison to Fair Banking Working Group-** Ravin Armelin. Working on how to get community aware that some local banks are better able to outperform payday lenders. Determined best approach is to educate Non-Profits and have them, in turn, educate the community. Several banks are not participating in the low income banking process, and the Group is working to change that.
8. **Needle Facilitation Committee-** Vicki Granowitz. Drowsy Maggie has been sold and cleaned up. Looking for a new site. Have heard word of an "underground" Needle Exchange, but not one for one.

XVI. Next Meeting on June 19, 2007

**XVII. Motion to Adjourn: Arechiga/Vidales 12-0-0
Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.**

Submitted by:

Dean Petersen, Secretary.